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In the national spotlight

Honor. The NAACP national convention is taking place in Philadelphia this week, bringing guests such as President Obama. Locals say Philadelphia is the perfect place for the NAACP to confront issues of justice and liberty. PAGE 02

Dancers perform during a break at the ACT-SO youth awards ceremony, part of the NAACP convention in Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Award winners celebrate at the ACT-SO youth awards ceremony, part of the NAACP convention in Philadelphia, at the Kimmel Center on Sunday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Tuesday's NAACP panel has president in Philly

National event. The 106th NAACP national conference is at the Pennsylvania Convention Center this week.

All eyes will be on Philadelphia this week.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has launched their 106th convention at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

This year's theme, Pursuing Liberty in the Face of Injustice, will feature keynotes from President Barack Obama on Tuesday and former President Bill Clinton and former Attorney General Loretta Lynch on Wednesday.

With an estimated 8,000-plus attendees expected at the convention July 11-15, the city stands to benefit economically.

On the official site, Philly was picked especially because of its "historic role in American liberty and its easy accessibility by plane, rail and car."

The city's lively attractions and dining locations near the Convention Center and around the city can expect upward of $10.5 million in revenue, according to local hospitality officials at their recent press conference.

Visit **Metro.us** to see more photos of the youth awards ceremony.

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"If you're wondering why the NAACP is here? Injustice is here."
Muhammad

The local Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP stands at the forefront of the event as the host chapter — not far removed from a recent controversy that divided its leadership.

Last year, the national office suspended four Philadelphia chapter leaders to help defuse a bitter public quarrel between the since-removed local president J. Whyatt Mondesire and three other members of the board.

The new Philadelphia chapter president, Rodney Muhammad, is more focused on this convention and the current racial challenges that the city and the nation as a whole still face.

"We've got work in front of us," Muhammad said. "If you're wondering why the NAACP is here? Injustice is here."

The convention plans to focus its attention on issues surrounding police violence, racial profiling, voting rights and health care access.

And just in case anyone was still wondering about the controversy surrounding the now-resigned Spokane NAACP president, Rachel Dolezal — well, the NAACP national president, Cornell Williams Brooks, is not.

"The NAACP focuses on issues," Brooks said, "not individuals."

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Ouch. Philly man gored during 'Running of the Bulls'

Participants run with Fuente Ymbro's bulls in Pamplona, Spain. / GETTY IMAGES

A Philadelphia man was among several injured by bulls over the weekend in Spain.

Four people were gored by bulls during the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, Spain, which involves the famous weeklong "Running of the Bulls" event, NBC reported.

Five others sustained injuries ranging from a broken collarbone to sprains and bruises.

The Philly man, 34, was only identified by his initials, J.N.O. He reportedly was gored twice by the bull, sustaining injuries to the back of his knee and near his anus.

Another American, 20, was also gored but suffered less serious injuries, reports say.

The run goes from a holding pen on the edge of Pamplona to the central bullring, where the bulls participate in traditional bullfights with matadors.

Five bulls took part in the half-mile run along the cobblestone streets.

In a rare occurrence, the sixth bull, Curioso, turned back into his pen rather than participate, reports say. SAM NEWHOUSE

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New Jersey

Sky-diving plane makes emergency landing on highway after it loses power on Sunday

Traffic was shut down on a New Jersey road after a single-engine plane made an emergency landing in the middle of traffic when it lost power.

The plane landed on Route 72. / PROVIDED

The Cessna landed on Route 72 in Stafford Township, in Ocean County, around 10:15 a.m., Sunday police announced.

The Skydive East Coast plane reportedly landed on the grassy median in the middle of traffic lanes on Route 72 after it lost power for unknown reasons.

One instructor aboard the plane sustained a small cut to his arm but no other injuries were reported.

Traffic was partly obstructed for about 90 minutes while the scene was cleared, reports say.

The Federal Aviation Administration will investigate the incident.

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Officer Thomas Liciardello leaves court after the acquittal. / JENNIFER KERRIGAN

Acquitted narcotics officers back on the force

Arbitration ruling. Six Philly cops acquitted of federal corruption charges and are set to receive back pay.

The six former narcotics officers who were acquitted of federal charges for wide-ranging corruption including beating and robbing drug dealers have officially been returned to the force.

An arbitrator ruled that the officers will have their badges returned and receive $90,000 in back pay, the Inquirer reported.

According to the Inquirer, Officer Linwood Norman will be assigned to the impound lot. The other five officers — Perry Betts, Thomas Liciardello, Brian Reynolds, John Speiser and Michael Spicer — will be assigned to districts, not the Narcotics Field Unit.

The officers were acquitted on May 14 of charges including robbery, racketeering, civil rights violations and falsifying records. Prosecutors alleged that the officers beat suspects, stole money and drugs from drug dealers and falsified reports in order to cover up their own wrongdoings.

Nineteen witnesses said the officers stole hundreds of thousands of dollars in drug proceeds between 2006 and 2012.

But the government hung its case on the testimony of former officer Jeffrey Walker, who planted cocaine on a drug dealer as a ruse to steal the dealer's house keys. He then stole $15,000 from the man's home in a 2013 sting orchestrated by an FBI informant.

Walker pleaded guilty to related charges last year, but agreed to testify against his former colleagues to gain a lighter sentence.

All of the men except Norman were removed from the Narcotics Field Unit in 2012 after District Attorney Seth Williams wrote a letter saying he could not rely on their testimony.

Hundreds of drug cases were withdrawn in the wake of that letter, prosecutors say.

Meanwhile, more than 100 civil cases against the city related to these officers are pending.

Dan Kelley contributed to this story.

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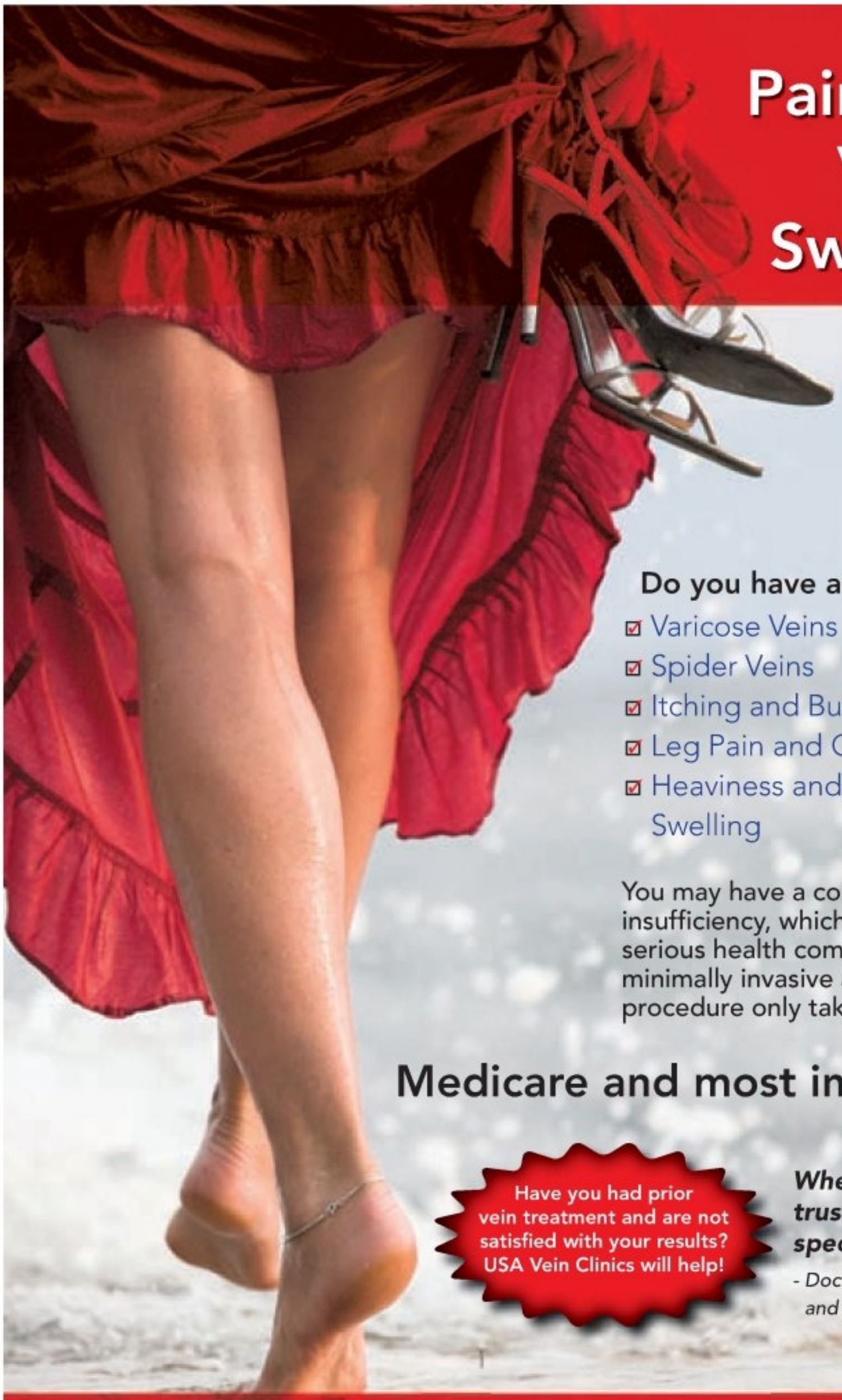

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Street scenes along reporter Dan Kelley's three-mile walk through North Philadelphia on Sunday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Miles in their shoes: What a 3-mile trek says about us

A pilgrim's progress. Tourists and residents alike are urged to be prepared to walk three miles for the Pope's visit.

Three miles.

That's the distance city officials have warned that residents and pilgrims alike should be prepared to walk for Pope Francis' visit Sept. 26-27 as they prepare to shut down streets and curtail SEPTA service.

Walk that distance in nearly any direction in Philadelphia, and you are likely to see both the best and worst of the city.

What will visitors who walk that distance see along the way? And what do the residents who live along the way want them to know about their neighborhood?

Those are questions made more poignant by Francis' renewed emphasis on attention to the poor and unfortunate.

A 3-mile walk — it takes about an hour and a half — from the parkway can take you through Chinatown to the edges of Camden, or through Rittenhouse Square through rapidly gentrifying Point Breeze.

Walk north from the parkway along 22nd Street and visitors will see tree-lined streets of the tony Fairmount neighborhood of the city. Along 19th Street, they will see new construction that has blossomed amid established neighborhoods near Temple University. And near Broad and Lehigh, the outer limits of a 3-mile walk, the visitors will see the hallmarks of the deeply rooted urban problems that mark the worst of what America has to offer the least fortunate.

"Look around and you'll answer your own question," said James Burley, 33, who was getting his shiny black Jaguar XS detailed near 15th and Lehigh. "Our streets aren't fixed. Their streets are fixed."

Anthony Williams, 58, was sitting on his porch near 19th and Glenwood Avenue, across the street from a massive community garden on a formerly vacant lot that he said contained everything but cows. Behind the garden sits an abandoned factory.

"We need more jobs," Williams said. "That's why the city is the way it is with these young children running around. They need jobs."

Get closer to Temple University, and visitors will see signs of new construction everywhere.

That construction, however, has brought concerns from many longtime residents that they will be displaced by rising taxes, rent and real estate prices.

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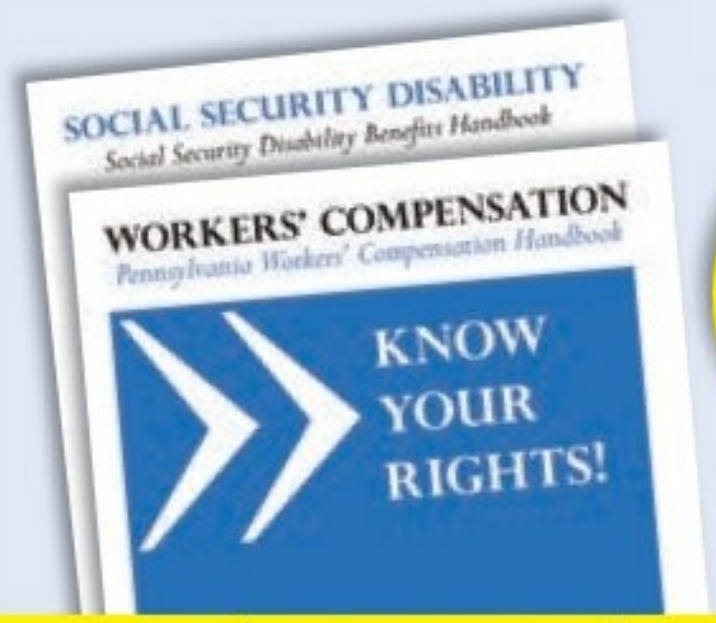

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Jodi Arias rap? Yep!

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Bad rap. Former South Philly guy Kareem Williams, known as Lefty, says Arias didn't get a fair trial.

Kareem Williams wants to talk to you about a girl he knows. Her name is Jodi Ann Arias.

That's the chorus of a rap Williams wrote — he records under the name Lefty. It's also the truth. Willams does, in fact, want to talk about Jodi Arias.

Arias, for those who don't know, was sentenced to life in prison in April for murdering her ex-boyfriend Travis Alexander at his home in Mesa, Arizona, after a trial featuring lurid sex stories, a conversion to Mormonism and a gorgeous defendant.

Williams, a former South Philly resident who moved to Phoenix about 4 years ago, says Arias didn't get a fair trial because of the surrounding media hype.

And he bases this opinion on experience. He attended the trial every chance he got, and blogged about it on his site, realentertainmentnews.com.

He uses the rap to settle scores with Phoenix-based TV newsman Troy Hayden, who he says used Arias' fame to gain national exposure, only to "stab her in the back" in subsequent coverage.

And he says too little attention has been given to the role Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder played in the murder.

"I think it's unusual to people because they don't know how deep into the trial I am," Williams said. "When people don't know how deep into the game you are, they don't get it."

Williams is selling the song, which is titled "Jodi Ann Arias" on the iTunes store for $0.99. But $0.34 of that goes toward the Jodi Arias appeals fund.

If it isn't your cup of tea, consider this: It's been listened to about 141,000 times through a free streaming service. Plus, Jodi's family likes it too.

"I talked to her aunt. Her aunt said, 'Thank you for writing that song,'" Williams said.

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Crime

Jersey man charged with killing 7 people in NJ and Pa.

A New Jersey man has been charged with shooting and killing seven people and wounding an eighth in a weeks-long rampage across two states, prosecutors said on Thursday.

Todd West, 22, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, was arrested last week in Pennsylvania, where he is charged with killing two people in Allentown and one in Easton, officials said.

The violence began in New Jersey on May 18, when West is accused of killing his cousin, Michael Thompkins, in Elizabeth, the Union County Prosecutor's office said in a news release on Thursday.

On June 25, West shot four people across the city of Elizabeth, prosecutors said. All were shot with the same .38 caliber weapon, the release said. Three died and one survived.

After the shooting spree, West fled to Pennsylvania, where he is charged with killing three more people before a manhunt led to his arrest, law enforcement said.

There is no known motive for the shootings, authorities said. They do not appear to be gang-related or spurred by drugs or robbery, Grace Park, the acting Union County prosecutor, said on Thursday, according to the New York Times.

West is being held in a Lehigh County jail in Pennsylvania without bail.
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This past July 4th weekend, I had the pleasure of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the LGBT Civil Rights movement at Independence Hall.

Being patriotically gay is an understatement. Philadelphia was a proud example of the red, white and blue — and rainbow, too — as the two events converged into what makes me proud to be an American: promisingly progressive with the potential to be even more.

But last weekend also brought us a local embarrassment. His name is Mike Grant, better known as "Philly Jesus."

The compelling recovered drug addict, widely publicized for his mock-up interpretation of a Michelangelo-esque version of Jesus Christ, decided that he should cast the first stone … on social media.

Some local media outlets went wild over his public reversal of LGBT support.

Grant — I personally refuse to refer to him as anything like Jesus — chose to recant the previous positive messages he once posted in favor of the recent Supreme Court's granting of nationwide marriage equality. He added fuel to the fire by posting that in those positive messages he had been "justifying sin" and "justifying homosexuality."

He then devoted a great deal of time posting homophobic religious propaganda on his social media accounts in place of the progressive and positive LGBT support he had once espoused.

With all due respect, Mr. Grant, you're just a costumed attention-seeker who feels self-righteous enough to take your "job" — which is virtually vapid — too far.

Where did we go wrong here, Philly? Since when did nontalented celebrities feel as though they had the right to make ignorant statements about the very people who gave them the buzz they craved so desperately?

I immediately unfollowed Mr. Grant from all my social media accounts, both personally and spiritually.

And I would also appreciate if he removes the "Philly" from his now bogus pseudonym — because the city I have come to love and call home doesn't tolerate a false sense of religious misrepresentation, nor does it seek to capitalize off its namesake to promote homophobia.

In my opinion, Mike Grant doesn't represent Philly. If anything, this is what the nasty side of self-righteousness and fame can do to someone who receives it disingenuously.

So collectively, I call for a social crucifixion — one that is not violent or hateful, something more possibly "Christ-like" than what Mr. Grant has displayed on his social media.

Beyond the unfollows and social media isolation, choose not to engage with him in public — and encourage your friends to disengage from him, too. For such bigotry and small-mindedness don't deserve any attention from the already busy Philadelphians in Center City.

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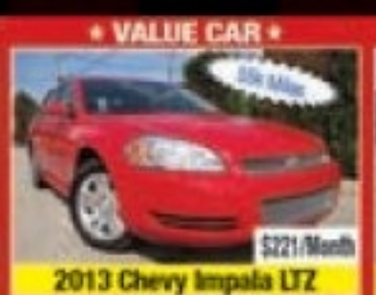
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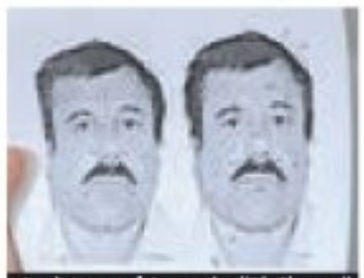
Mexico drug kingpin 'Chapo' Guzman stages brazen jailbreak

Escape. Guzman snuck out through a subterranean tunnel more than 1 mile long.

Mexico's most notorious drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, broke out of a high-security prison on Saturday night for the second time, escaping in a tunnel built right under his cell, and heaping embarrassment on President Enrique Pena Nieto.

Guzman, who had bribed his way out of prison during a previous escape in 2001, was seen on video entering his shower area at 8:52 p.m. on Saturday. He never reappeared, the National Security Commission said.

Wanted by U.S. prosecutors and once featured in the Forbes list of billionaires, Guzman was gone by the time guards entered his cell in Altiplano prison in central Mexico.


A picture of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman Loera / GETTY IMAGES

Beneath a hole in the cell's shower area, guards found a ladder descending about 32 feet into the tunnel, which was about 5.6 feet high and 28-31 inches wide.

Prison workers were quickly detained over the escape.

Rubido said 18 officials from the penitentiary had been taken in for interrogation at the unit specializing in organized crime at the Attorney General's office.

Security services called a meeting of their top officials, ordered a massive manhunt for El Chapo, or "Shorty," and shut down the airport in the nearby city of Toluca.

Guzman became one of the world's top crime bosses, running the powerful Sinaloa Cartel, which smuggled billions of dollars worth of cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamines into the U.S. and fought vicious turf wars with other Mexican gangs.

The flight of Guzman, who became an almost legendary figure in villages scattered in the sierra where he grew up in northwestern Mexico, seriously undermines Pena Nieto's pledge to bring order to a country racked by years of gang violence. REUTERS

Policemen search for Guzman outside the Altiplano prison in Almoloya de Juarez, Mexico. / GETTY IMAGES

Never say never

'Never happen again'

The Mexican president has come under increasing pressure to deliver on his pledges to root out corruption after becoming embroiled in a string of conflict-of-interest scandals.

Before Pena Nieto won election, politicians in his Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) had mocked their conservative rivals for letting Guzman escape while they ran the country, saying it would not have happened on their watch.

Days after Guzman was captured in 2014, Pena Nieto said another El Chapo escape must "never happen again."

"Given what happened in the past, truly, it would be worse than deplorable, it would unforgivable," he said then. REUTERS

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Five things you need to know

1 Greece must pass new laws by Wednesday for bailout: Finland

Eurozone ministers gave Greece until Wednesday to pass new laws as a condition for negotiations on a bailout Athens needs to avoid losing access to the common currency, Finnish Finance Minister Alexander Stubb said on Sunday.

Describing a joint proposal the Eurogroup of finance ministers have put to a summit of eurozone leaders that began on Sunday, Stubb told reporters: "It has far-reaching conditionality, on three counts: No. 1, it needs to implement laws by July 15. No. 2, tough conditions on, for instance, labor reforms and pensions and VAT and taxes.

"And then No. 3, quite tough measures also on, for instance, privatization and privatization funds.

"And for us the most important thing is that ... this whole package has to be approved by both the Greek government and the Greek parliament and then we'll have a look." REUTERS

Finnish Finance Minister Alexander Stubb, left, and Eurogroup President Jeroen Dijsselbloem / GETTY IMAGES

2 Face of distant Pluto coming into focus

NASA's New Horizons spacecraft is in closing fast on an unexpectedly spotted Pluto, the most distant planetary body ever explored.

From New Horizon's position more than 3 billion miles from Earth, radio signals, traveling at the speed of light, take nearly four and a half hours to reach the ground.

Not that the probe, which has been traveling toward Pluto for more than nine years, is currently spending much time relaying back pictures and data from its seven instruments.

Pluto and its icy Kuiper Belt kin are believed to be relics left over from the formation of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago. REUTERS

3 Chicago rapper Capo and baby killed in gang shooting

Chicago rapper Capo, a member of Chief Keef's "Glo Gang," has died in a gang-related shooting over the weekend that also resulted in the death of a baby boy who was struck by a vehicle fleeing the scene, the Chicago Sun-Times reported on Sunday.

The death of Marvin Carr, who went by the name Capo, was confirmed by the group's manager, Renaldo Hess, according to the newspaper. Hess could not be reached for comment. REUTERS

CAPO

4 RI beach reopened a day after explosion

A busy beach in Narragansett, Rhode Island, was reopened on Sunday, a day after a small explosion injured a woman, a state official said.

The state's fire marshal was investigating the cause of the explosion that occurred around noon on Saturday at Salty Brine Beach on the state's southern coastline, said Rayna Maguire, spokeswoman for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. The beach was evacuated after the incident.

A representative for the fire marshal was not immediately available for comment. REUTERS

5 Father of missing Calif. baby named 'person of interest'

Authorities searched on Sunday in the Redding, California, area for a missing 6-month-old girl and her father, who police described as a person of interest.

Investigators, volunteers and police units with dogs took part in the search for Ember Graham, who disappeared 10 days ago, said the Shasta County Sheriff's Office in a Facebook statement on Sunday.

Matthew Graham, 23, reported that he discovered his daughter Ember missing from her crib in his home on July 2, according to a statement on the sheriff's website. REUTERS

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Like good hot dogs in the heat of summer, Democrats are on a roll. From Supreme Court rulings to social trends, an awful lot of issues are tilting their way and they are enjoying it with relish. With that in mind, here are my three things to watch this week in politics.

1. TAKING THE WURST OF IT: The Confederate flag fight has unfurled in Congress with a fury, and Dems are slapping the mustard on Republicans; depicting them as stodgy at best, racist at worst. Never mind that a GOP governor led the charge to take down the flag in South Carolina. On the national level the fight over when, where and how the flag might wave has Dems scoring political points. The GOP is in a bind because some conservatives see this as not merely placating those who find the flag offensive, but also demonizing Southern heritage. You can bet Dems will keep fanning the outrage because at the moment the Repubs are wobbling around like the Minions.

2. IN A PICKLE: Remember all that optimistic nattering from the White House about a pending nuke deal with Iran? Not so much now. The talks have been extended for a third time while the administration is steadily lowering expectations of success. Congressional types on both sides of the aisle are raising grave concerns about the details, and approval seems far from certain. This could finally be the make or break week, with repercussions either way.

3. GIMME ONE WITH EVERYTHING: Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker will wade into the 2016 presidential race this week, bringing the total number of GOP contenders to 109. Not really, but there are more than a dozen and top Dems are yukking it up over the size of the field. But they might want to stifle their giggles. Each new player on the GOP side is another person to snipe at Hillary Clinton's campaign, and all those pot shots could produce a Dem defeat no matter how things look now.

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Game of Drones. The fast-paced thrill of drone racing is here

Tournament organizers are already looking forward to next year's competition. / METRO WORLD NEWS

It's the coolest sport you've never heard of, but now drone racing is taking off across the world. Known as FPV racing — or first person view racing — competitors use special goggles that connect to a camera on their aircraft, giving them a drone's-eye view as they fly around the course.

"The sport is hyper-multiplying every day. In the San Francisco Bay Area alone, there is probably around 1,000-2,000 racers, so multiply that by every major city in the world ... and you will get a total quantity of racers," Scot Refsland, director of the first U.S. National Drone Racing Championship, to be held in Sacramento, California, told Metro. "After the Nationals, I'm guessing this number will easily double."

Pioneers in the new sport are preparing ahead of the inaugural event, in which just nine countries are participating. Chad Nowak, 37, from Brisbane, Australia, hones his skills by flying his drone through forests and abandoned buildings. He admits that the ability to walk out the front door, or even stay on your couch, and be able to "strap yourself in" to a racing quadcopter and fly with no fear is very addictive.

There are few key components that an exceptional FPV pilot needs: hand-eye coordination (all of the stick movements from the drone control panel need to be based on what the eyes see in the goggles), cat-like reflexes (with time-video broadcasting operating via an analog signal transmitting wirelessly from aircraft to operator, you might not see things like twigs or power lines until you hit them), proprioception (the ability to put one's sense of spacial awareness and orientation into a remote body) and creativity (finding a unique way of solving incoming problems).

"It is very hard to pilot these aircrafts at top speeds and as accurately as some of the well-known pilots of today," Steele Davis, a 25-year-old drone racer from Atlanta, explained. "However, it is not that difficult for most people to get into the air within a relatively short period of time."

As the sport is still in its infancy, there is as yet no defining rule book or procedure of hosting major tournaments. Organizers are trying to foster innovation on all fronts.

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"With racing cars there is only left and right, but with quadcopter there is also up and down. You can use the topography to your advantage. You may need to jump over a hedge and then duck under a branch or fly through a doorway or open window." Nowak

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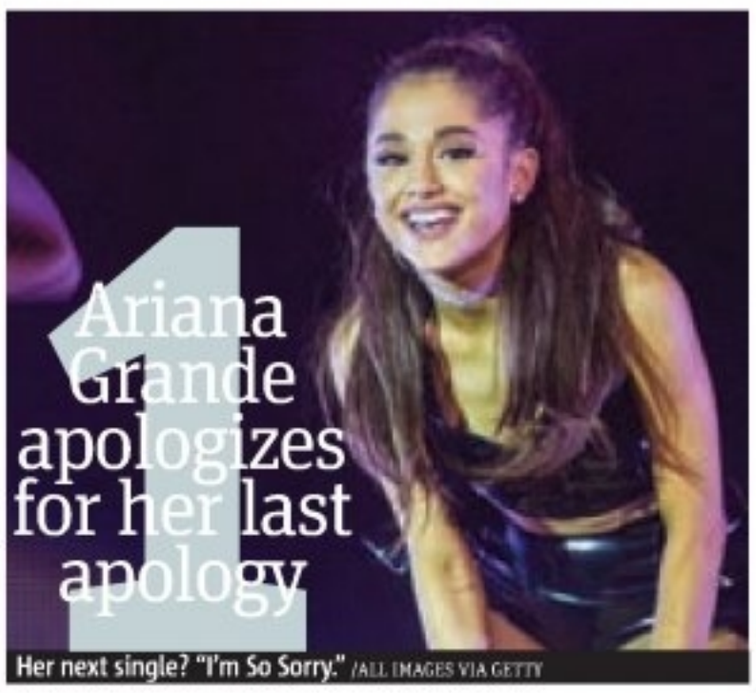
1 Ariana Grande apologizes for her last apology

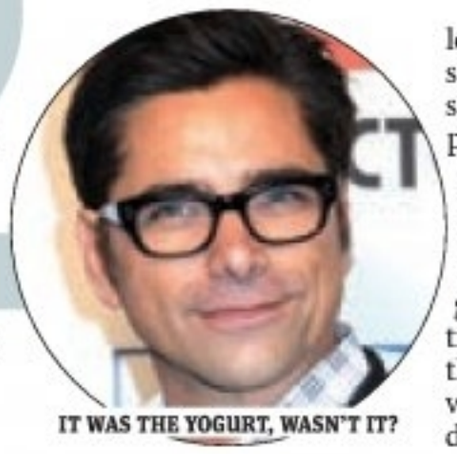


Her next single? "I'm So Sorry." /ALL IMAGES VIA GETTY

Arianna Grande took another stab at the whole mea culpa thing, as her first attempt at mollifying critics of her "Ugh, I hate Americans" doughnut debacle didn't really do the job. Her whole "I actually love America and Americans" statement last week fell flat, so Grande took to the interwebs to post an uncomfortable video apology for her apology. "I kind of missed my opportunity to actually sincerely apologize and express how I was feeling because I was too busy preaching about my feelings with the food industry, which is not, like, relative," she, like, says. "I apologize for my poor choice of words and my behavior. Seeing how ugly it looks when you behave a certain way makes you never want to behave that way again." Totes, girlfriend. Totes.

2 Uncle Jesse heads to rehab

So remember when John Stamos got popped for a DUI in Beverly Hills a few weeks ago? Well, in a slightly delayed reaction to that embarrassing incident, the "Full House" star has checked himself into a residential rehab facility to help him tackle some substance abuse issues, according to TMZ. It's unclear how long he's planning to stay, but he's got new Fox sitcom "Grandfathered" premiering in the fall and the Netflix series "Fuller House" to get to work on. And you know, maybe if the Olsen twins hadn't given him such a hard time about whether or not they'd be a part of that, he wouldn't have gone off the deep end like that.



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3 Mila Kunis keeps a gun in the house

It must be awkward when the topic of gun ownership comes up with British press, but Mila Kunis isn't one to shy away from a question. "I will say this: We have a gun at the house. But would I give it to my daughter as a gift at 15? No," Kunis tells the Telegraph's Luxury magazine. (It's unclear if they mentioned the 15th birthday thing or if Kunis just had quinceanera gifts for baby Wyatt on the brain.) "My child shouldn't be as well trained as us, nor should she know there is a weapon in the house — ever." Let's just hope she's not reading this, then.

Also, in case anyone's thinking about questioning Kunis' badass bona fides, know this: "I can take a gun apart and put it back together blindfolded," she humble-brags. "I probably wouldn't have the gun if I didn't have stalkers or people constantly trying to break into my house."

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4 J.K. Rowling shuts down Serena Williams basher

It's getting to be a bit redundant, but J.K. Rowling really is one of our reigning social media aces. The British author continues to offer master classes in shutting down fools. The latest example? Rowling tweeted a picture of her with tennis champ Serena Williams, celebrating the athlete's performance at Wimbledon, but a follower had to go and respond that the "main reason for her success is that she is built like a man." Rowling wasn't having it, though, sharing that tweet, another picture of Williams and the message, "Yeah, my husband looks just like this in a dress. You're an idiot." Oh, and she has 4.9 million followers.

The pen is mightier, etc.

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Dana Delany is not having a comfortable vacation, Lil Wayne is winded and Iggy Azalea is having a laugh.

@DanaDelany: I absolutely adore you Italy, but I am one big mosquito bite.

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Comic-Con geeks out

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Affleck returns

Ben Affleck made his first public appearance following his divorce announcement to tease next year's "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice." He also shared an adorable story about running into Christian Bale while both men were shopping for Batman costumes for their sons for Halloween.

The force re-awakens

Star Wars stole the show by getting Harrison Ford, left, to show up and treating the 6,000 fans in Hall H to a free outdoor concert and fireworks show.

The Doctor is in

Current "Doctor Who" star Peter Capaldi made his first Comic-Con appearance, delighting fans by sneaking out into the open to greet them and pose for pictures.

So many mutants

Director Bryan Singer brought a whole slew of cast members from "X-Men: Age of Apocalypse" including James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender and newcomers Sophie Turner and Tye Sheridan — plus a special surprise: Channing Tatum, inset right, set to star in "Gambit," and "Deadpool" star Ryan Reynolds.

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JLaw steals the show

Speaking of "X-Men," Jennifer Lawrence hit Comic-Con for the superhero franchise as well as for "Hunger Games" — and charmed the pants off everyone with her sly wit. Get this girl in more comedies, Hollywood.

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Taking a zigzag path

On the wall.
Artist Lynn Denton is moving from murals to the Magic Gardens' gallery.

"Lynn B. Denton: Personal Symbols" is on display at the Magic Gardens, 1020 South St., through Sept. 13. Admission is $7. / PROVIDED

The walk-through mural masterpiece that is Philadelphia's Magic Gardens has a new exhibit in its indoor gallery. Artist Lynn B. Denton's "Personal Symbols" incorporates selections from her paintings, sculptures and film, exploring her artistic history with the city and connection to Isaiah Zagar, the founder and artist behind the Magic Gardens.

Zagar started the space as a neighborhood mural project, eventually turning it into a nonprofit organization and permanent art destination.

Originally from Tennessee, Denton, 73, has been creating art in Philly for 40 years, with a focus on community projects. In 1997, she worked with neighborhood kids in North Philly to install a ceramic tile mural in the Susquehanna-Dauphin Station concourse on the Broad Street Line. SEPTA didn't provide quite enough funding, so Denton doubled her budget by accepting donations from neighborhood organizations, which led to more community involvement and public art pieces.

In the spring, Denton took a cue from Zagar's many murals along and just off South Street and created a tile mural on the wall around her studio nearby, facing the small side street the studio is on. "Isaiah has several murals along here," says Denton. "Finally, I was able to put my own signature out here."

The new mural reflects the same themes and imagery of her Magic Gardens exhibit. "I use a lot of symbols," says Denton. "Spirals, the house shape, the zigzag snakes — those are part of the vocabulary of the paintings that I have made."

The exhibit includes works spanning three decades.

"A lot of it is automatic drawing and automatic marks that develop into imagery," says Denton. "The zigzags are a kind of recurring motif. I see it a lot in the textiles of American Indians, which I love. I'm not sure where the zigzags originated in my psyche, but I love that motif."

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Public art

Community

Part of the Magic Gardens exhibit covers the backstory of Denton's public artworks in the city, chronicled through photos and other media.

"I'm really interested in the transformation of space and the way that can change a whole part of a city," says Denton. "And people begin to take ownership in that area and take ownership of their neighborhood and of their community."

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COMIC-CON NEEDS TO DITCH SAN DIEGO

Behold the overcrowded sights from last year's San Diego Comic-Con. / GETTY IMAGES

We're in the middle of San Diego Comic-Con. Even before I left, I was dreading it. Comic-Con used to be my Halloween and Christmas rolled into one. I got to see friends, interview celebrities and walk the floor, bankrupting myself by buying silly things like "Doctor Who" slippers. Now it seems that my entire Facebook feed is full of friends saying they feel the same dread — or that they're not going at all.

I was trying to decide what to write today and I couldn't. SDCC prep means I've barely slept for days. So instead of continually trying and failing to come up with something, I decided to try to figure out why I don't want to go.

Some people talk about how the big studios have taken over. It's not that either. I love TV and film and all the news about what's coming. Hell, it's the reason I have a job. I, as well as the fans, get to talk to celebrities and watch amazing trailers.

Is it because comic creators are being pushed to the side? They were for a while, but with the new popularity of geek culture, little-known creators are actually getting more press than ever. I have more to read. It's not that at all.

Is it all the work? It's nonstop and absolutely insane, but that's no different than other years. It's harder to get passes for panels, but they're there for the fans, not me, and that's as it should be.

Honestly, it's this: There are too many people for San Diego to handle. I used to be able to get a hotel for less than $300 a night. Now you can't, if you can get a room at all. Half of the panels are in a different location — you need to take a train to get there, and it takes too long.

Hall H has become so crowded that people are afraid to risk getting a bathroom pass in case they lose their seats. The floor is so crowded that you can barely get to a stall to buy anything.

It's time to move it out of San Diego. Los Angeles, Vegas — honestly, I don't care. When I talk about the smaller cons that I do with such love, and reminisce about years past, that says something.

I miss my old con.

Geek Girl in Hollywood

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Groovy times

Herb (Jon Hamm) romances Scarlet (Sandra Bullock) in "Minions." / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Film. Jon Hamm joins the ranks of the animated in "Minions."

Jon Hamm's latest role calls for him to be suave, debonair and have a certain 1960s flair. But this is certainly not Don Draper. "That's a stretch," Hamm says of comparing his "Minions" character with his "Mad Men" legacy. Herb, his villainous character, "definitely has his own style, and I don't think it's very similar to Don's."

But that doesn't mean the character doesn't seem a bit, shall we say,

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familiar. "If there's an analogy to be made, I think it's closer to Austin Powers, at least from a sartorial sense," Hamm admits. "That was the one thing I was careful about. I didn't want to veer too far into Austin Powers territory."

Hamm gets animated for "Minions" as the husband to the world's first female supervillain (voiced by Sandra Bullock) and is something of a villain himself. The happily married do-bad-ers share a bond and common respect that Hamm found to be entirely un-'60s. "It's almost subversive in a way. It's couched in this sort of cartoony evil sense, but it's very progressive," he says. "Herb is a hepcat. He's very, very comfortable in who he is, and he loves his wife, and she loves him right back. That's the really kind of lovely part of their relationship."

Hamm
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Already being a fan of the "Despicable Me" franchise, Hamm was more than happy to come on board for the prequel focusing on the gibberish-spouting yellow henchmen. But that doesn't necessarily mean he'd want a set of minions of his own, of course.

"Knowing what I know about how effective they are at doing their jobs, I probably wouldn't assign them any tasks that really needed to be done well," he says. "Like picking up dry cleaning — all of your clothes would be ruined. Like, immediately. I would say, 'Go mow the lawn,' and the lawn would be lit on fire, you know? But it would be great if you had one around, just to hang out with."

One more thing

Education through "Looney Tunes"

A huge animation fan since childhood, Jon Hamm is well aware of the power of children's entertainment. "I wouldn't know anything about opera if it wasn't for Bugs Bunny. That was my entire introduction to opera music," he says. "It's the combination of the high and the low that I thought was very cool. I had no concept of it as a kid. You just think it's hilarious that Bugs Bunny is a lady Viking. That's funny! And then you realize, 'Why do I know that? Why do I know all of the words to "The Marriage of Figaro" — because of Bugs Bunny.'"

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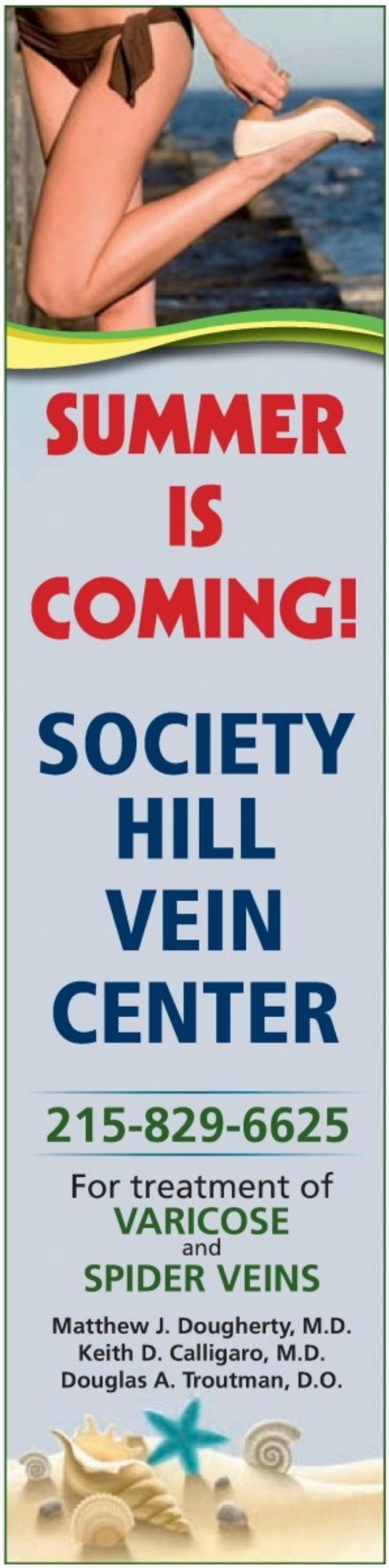

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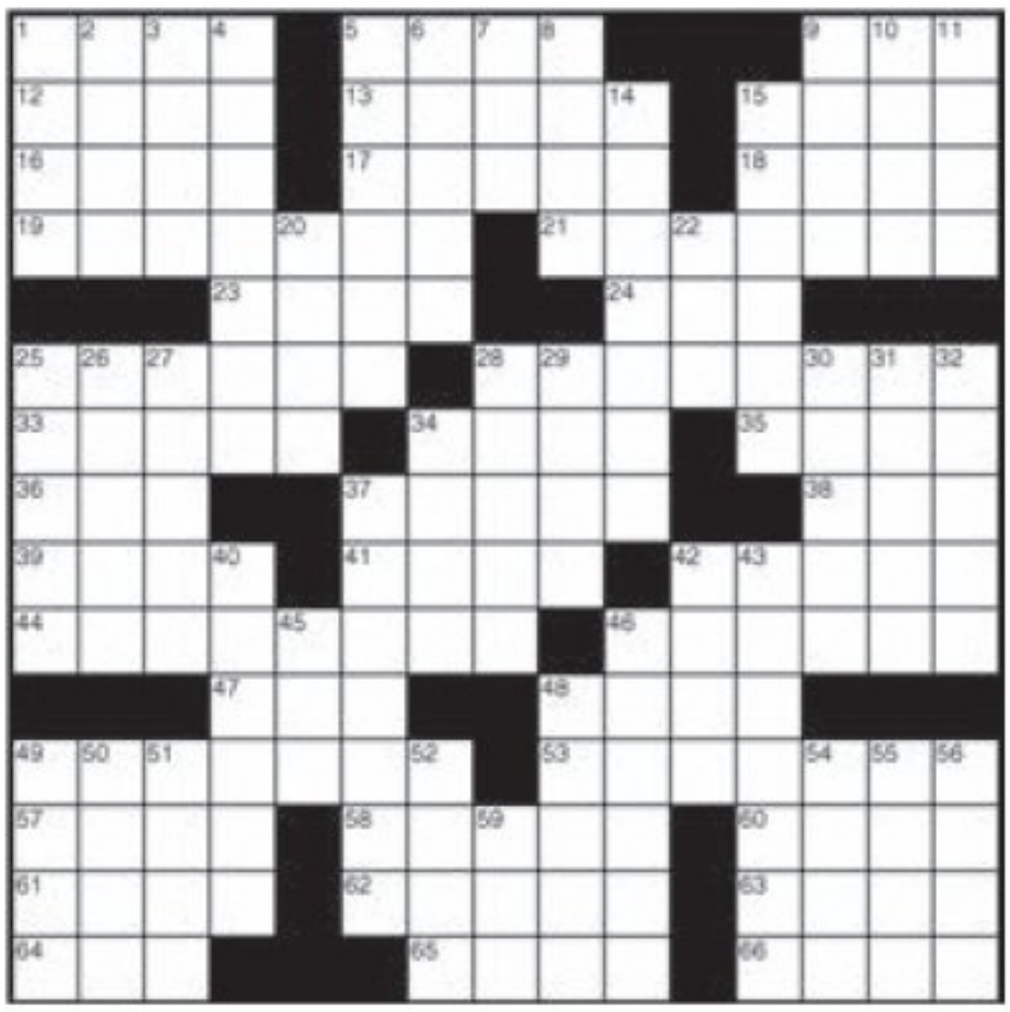

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Cancer You will receive mixed signals from someone close to you today. You should not jump to conclusions or act on hasty assumptions.

Leo Your popularity will soar if you dedicate your time to a worthwhile cause. You will have no problem drumming up support for your projects.

Virgo Joint endeavors will not turn out well. Sharing your plans will backfire. Someone will try to take credit for your ideas. Listen and observe.

Libra Don't waste time fretting over events you can't control. Your concepts will prove successful if you can enlist help from other people and friends.

Scorpio You will stress yourself out if you don't learn to say no to demanding people. Take care of your physical and mental health by putting your needs first.

Sagittarius Take time to consider how a current partnership will impact the rest of your life. Professional interests are best put on the back burner.

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The secret to getting unstuck

HOW TO GET AHEAD

A Stanford professor tells us how to get started on any project.

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Everyone gets stuck. Sometimes we get tripped up completing the simplest tasks — like finding a misplaced file on our computer or picking what to eat for lunch. Sometimes we run into a mental block when working on a creative project or assignment — like, um, an article about getting unstuck. (Seriously, it took a long time to start writing those two sentences.)

And other times, it's the big stuff that leaves us paralyzed with indecision or self-doubt: what we want to do with our lives, where we want to live, whether — or when — we want to start a family.

"I felt that education was giving you a lot of information about things but not about yourself. I felt, as an educator, I should be giving people a chance to grow and change the things that are dysfunctional in their lives."

Bernard Roth

Stanford professor Bernard Roth teaches an entire class on getting stuff done. His students come up with and complete one big task per term, which can be anything from producing a radio show to building a rocket to completing a triathlon. His new book, "The Achievement Habit: Stop Wishing, Start Doing, and Take Command of Your Life," applies the insights he's gleaned from 40 years of teaching people how to achieve their goals.

We asked Roth for some suggestions on how to just get started already.

Reframe your problem

The reason why so many people get stuck? Because, Roth says, they're often asking the wrong question or identifying the wrong thing as the problem.

"For example, the other day, I rented a car, and I couldn't find where the release was for the gas tank cap," he explains. "I spent about 20 minutes trying to find the release button before I saw a similar car getting gas. I went over, and I said, 'Where did you get the release?' He said, 'There is no release, just open the cap.'"

So if Roth had asked himself, "How do I get the cap open?" instead of, "How do I find the release button?" he may not have had a problem at all.

This works for not only the most mundane, everyday tasks but for the monumental ones too. Says Roth: "If people back off and reframe their question and find the right problem, often the answer is right there."

Draw it out

In his book, Roth includes 22 exercises that can help readers conquer a mental block, and a lot of them include visuals — from storyboards to mind maps to all sorts of diagrams. Visuals not only help clarify and give shape to an idea, he says. They also unleash creative thinking. "I love words — I wrote a book with words — but synthesizing information visually is more holistic for most of us," says Roth. "Pictures encapsulate so much more information and nuance; they're more evocative."

Work really, really hard

As much as drawing maps, brainstorming, talking your problems out or even rearranging your workspace can help speed along the creative process, there's one technique that Roth swears by: hard work. "Sometimes things come to me in a flash, but most of the time, they come after a lot of hard work and frustration," he says.

And often, you have to start working before feeling inspired. "There's no magic bullet — most of the time, attention and intention and just doing are the most important and productive things you can do."

Self-made

Sometimes, in order to achieve our dreams, we need to do some self-evaluation and change our image of ourselves. "We are who we are, but that's not who we are," says Roth, who says that most people's self-image is based on that of their parents or siblings. "And the good news is we're not stuck with it. Doing stuff is a good way to change your self-image because many people say, 'I can't do that' or 'I can't eat that,' and so if you do it, it's empowering."

Bill Nye the Science Guy uses emojis to illustrate climate change. PROVIDED

Want to teach kids about science? Try using flame emojis

Smiley face molecules? Rocket ships showing how fast the Earth is heating up? Bill Nye (everyone's favorite Science Guy) has launched a series of educational YouTube videos, and he's using the most popular form of tech speak to teach students about science: emojis.

Spearheaded by General Electric, "#EmojiScience" breaks down complex scientific subjects — like evolution, super materials, holograms and climate change — using flames and globe icons and Spanish dancers. The five-part series was inspired by last year's Emoji Science Lab pop-up lab at NYU, where thousands of students sent their favorite emojis to GE via Snapchat and received personalized science experiment videos in return.

"We're trying to reach young fans where they are already, and video is an important component of that," says Sydney Lestrud, GE's global brand marketing manager. "Bill is a great educator, simplifying science and making it fun, and he was open to a new way of doing that."

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The first time Jonathan Tzou entered a co-working space was back in 2006, when he was a student at the University of Pennsylvania. "Workspaces like this were not super-common at the time," says Tzou, who now works on product and growth initiatives at the new app Complete. "Without [that environment], I don't think our team would have been able to file our provisional patent."

Nearly 10 years later, co-working spaces have exploded, thanks in part to an economy that relies increasingly on freelancers and other independent contractors. And now, more and more startups are opting to launch their businesses in shared offices, too — both for their low cost and for the environment of creativity and teamwork they inspire.

"It's cost-effective and allows you to be around people who are generally trying to be productive," says Tzou. "So it's motivating."

But, if you're used to working in a cubicle, shifting to one of these open, bustling spaces can be jarring. We asked Tzou for his tips on getting the most out of working in a shared space.

Sometimes, working among a bunch of freelancers can make you MORE productive. ISTOCK

Socialize

The wonderful thing about working among self-starters, freelancers and independent contractors is that — unlike in a corporate office — everyone actually wants to be there. "You're surrounded by people who are generally aligned with you on either putting something out or creating something or getting something done," says Tzou. And he says you should take advantage of that.

"It's where serendipity happens," he continues. "An engineer will be walking by another team that's struggling with their own engineering problem, and he'll be like, 'Oh I can help you out with that.' … It's really, really great to have all the resources show up at your doorstep."

Share

The more you reach out to your neighbors and offer an ear or some advice, the more they'll want to help you. "It's a fundamental component of what it is to be human," says Tzou. "When people are real with each other — that's what builds trust and connection, and that's what creates open dialogue for exchange of info. But it really takes one person to take initiative and open up that channel … and 99 times out of 100, it's provided some level of karmic value."

Attend events

Shy about approaching a complete stranger? Many co-working spaces host events where members can network, mingle and get helpful career tips. "It's an opportunity to open up connections with other entrepreneurs or someone who might have that lead for that next investor or that next company you can partner with," says Tzou.

Focus

With all the socializing, it can be hard to, well, actually get any work done. "It's really important to find a way to not let the moving parts around you distract you," says Tzou. "For some people, that means going into a corner, facing said corner and removing all visual distractions. For others, it's about getting either earplugs or noise-canceling headphones."

Many co-working spaces offer private nooks and crannies if you're seeking solitude, too.

"First identify the things that generally pull your attention away and then minimize your exposure to them," says Tzou. You can always slip out for a couple hours, too — go to a local coffee shop or work outside if you're having trouble concentrating.

Freelance nation

A recent study by the Freelancer's Union found that 53 million Americans — or about 34 percent of the workforce — have gone solo. Tech startups Wix and Officevibe predict that by 2020, 40 percent of workers will be working for themselves.

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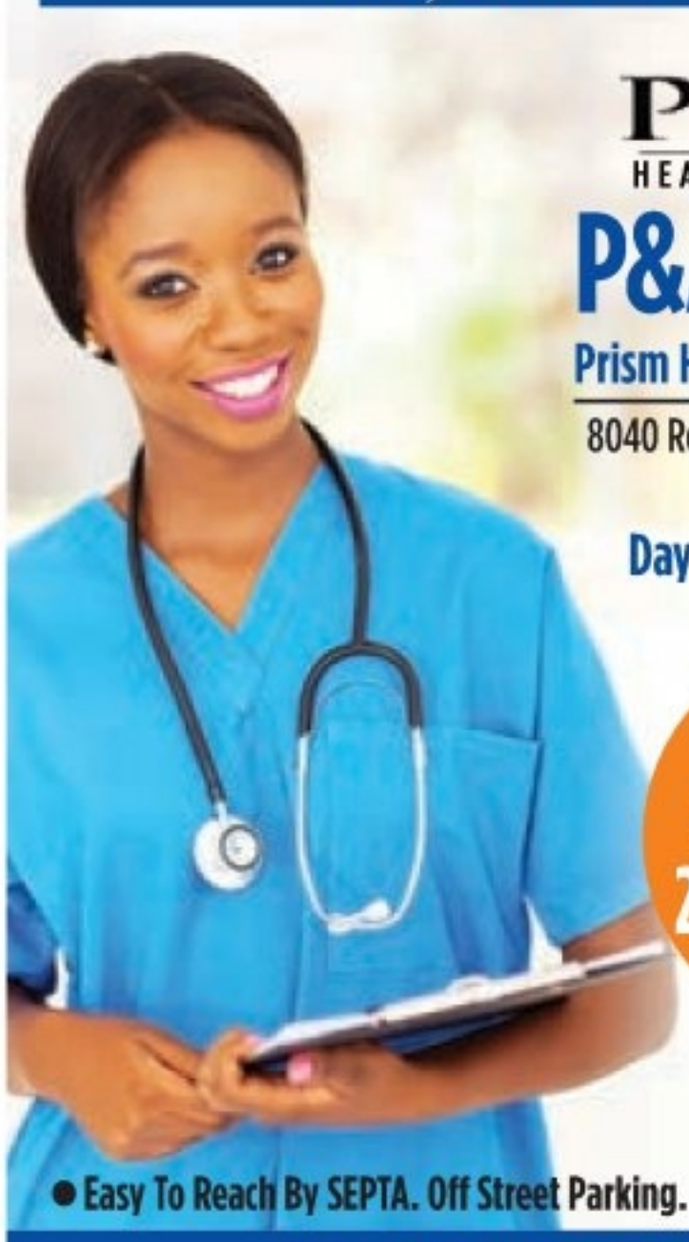
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164 games down the drain for forever-injured Embiid

NBA. Joel Embiid is expected to miss yet another full 82-game season.

Joel Embiid could one day become the first player in NBA history to miss the entire first two seasons of his pro career and reach the Hall of Fame. But those odds are about as slim as Nerlens Noel.

Sixers general manager Sam Hinkie announced this past weekend that the third overall pick in the 2014 NBA Draft would likely miss the 2015-16 season after he just spent the entire 2014-15 season on the shelf.

"We have been consistent in our philosophy that our focus will be Joel's long-term health and wellness to ensure he will have a long and impactful career in the NBA," Hinkie said in a statement. "After receiving the input of medical experts, as well as conversations with Joel and his representatives, there was careful consideration given to a number of options related to this particular situation. A collective decision has been made that the best approach to promote full healing would be to proceed with a bone graft of the fracture site. We anticipate the procedure will take place in the next seven to 10 days and result in Joel missing the upcoming season."

By the numbers

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Some good news for Sixers fans this past week has been the play of Jahlil Okafor in the Utah Summer League. Okafor is averaging 14.0 points and 8.3 rebounds per game.

This will actually be the third time in three years that a top Sixers draft pick has missed a full season as Noel missed the entire 2013-14 season with a knee injury.

With Embiid still hurting, much will be expected from Noel and this year's first round pick, Jahlil Okafor. Both have shown the ability to carry the load as Noel recorded 18 double-doubles (points and rebounds) this past season and Okafor has been brilliant in Summer League play this past week. Against the Lakers, who had a chance to select Okafor in the draft, the big man scored 19 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and had three assists — leading Philly in all three categories.

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Joel Embiid is expected to miss the entire 2015-16 season after missing all of last season. GETTY IMAGES

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Phils grade ugly at break

MLB. The Phillies' report card is littered with D's and F's.

San Francisco's Brandon Belt slides into the Phillies' Freddy Galvis, breaking up a double play this past Saturday. / GETTY IMAGES

This is the kind of report card kids avoid showing their parents. Fans knew 2015 would be a rough season, but who could have been prepared for such an unmitigated disaster? There have been some bright spots, but overall it's been a very difficult stretch for even the most ardent Phillie fan.

First base: D
Ryan Howard has some pop left. He can crush a mistake but he's a shell of who he was a half-decade ago. Pitchers routinely challenge the "Big Piece" with fastballs. How times have changed. Howard is virtually untradeable.

Second base: D
It would be an F if it weren't for Cesar Hernandez. Utley is at the end of a long, enviable career. It's so painful watching the iconic figure at the plate. The aging gamer has looked so bad waving at breaking pitches, and he's been unable to handle outside fastballs. A for the play of Hernandez: He's been impressive over the last two weeks. It's a small sample size, but at least it's promising.

Shortstop: B
Freddy Galvis is the pleasant surprise of the season. Who would ever guess that Galvis would be hitting .279 at the middle of the campaign? Galvis has managed to stay within himself. The slick-fielding Venezuelan has been great with the glove, except when he tries to do too much. Certainly an upgrade over Jimmy Rollins.

Third base: B+
Maikel Franco could still be a bit more patient at the plate and he needs to work on hitting breaking balls. However, he has power and he makes contact. Franco connects with 80 percent of pitches, and he has also made adjustments, which led to improvement at every level. Franco is special.

Left field: C-
Cody Asche projects to a fifth outfielder. He's done a really nice job for a guy who's never played the outfield, but his bat isn't big enough to start.

Center field: B
Ben Revere is just about at .300, which is the norm for him at this time of year. During spring training he said he bulked up hoping to add more pop and some gap power. Revere has also drawn more walks in 2015 and has played well in the outfield, particularly in left.

Right field: D
Dom Brown pulls down the grade. He can't stay above the Mendoza Line and he has no pop. It's frustrating since he appears to have all of the physical tools, but it's just not working. Jeff Francoeur has had some clutch hits and he's a capable outfielder with a gun.

Catcher: D
Carlos Ruiz has plenty of miles on the odometer and it shows. He's looked positively Utley-esque at times behind the plate and at the dish. Cameron Rupp is a decent backup, but he's now part of a platoon. There's a power outage at catcher.

Manager: Incomplete
Pete Mackanin is the right guy for the job. He's a tough baseball lifer, who will take the lumps. Ryne Sandberg earned an F. He lost control of the players on the field and in the clubhouse.

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Pitching

- **Starters: D** Cole Hamels was excellent for most of the first half and Aaron Harang had a great first two months before imploding. But there's been too much Jerome Williams, Sean O'Sullivan and Kevin Correia, etc.
- **Bullpen: C+** Jonathan Papelbon has been very good. Ken Giles has picked it up lately. Jake Diekman and Justin De Fratus have taken steps back.

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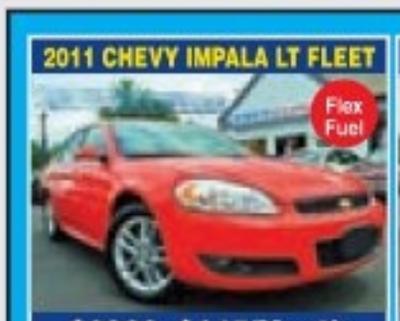

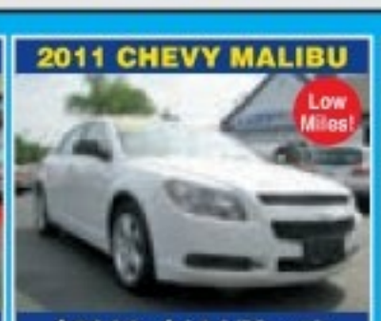

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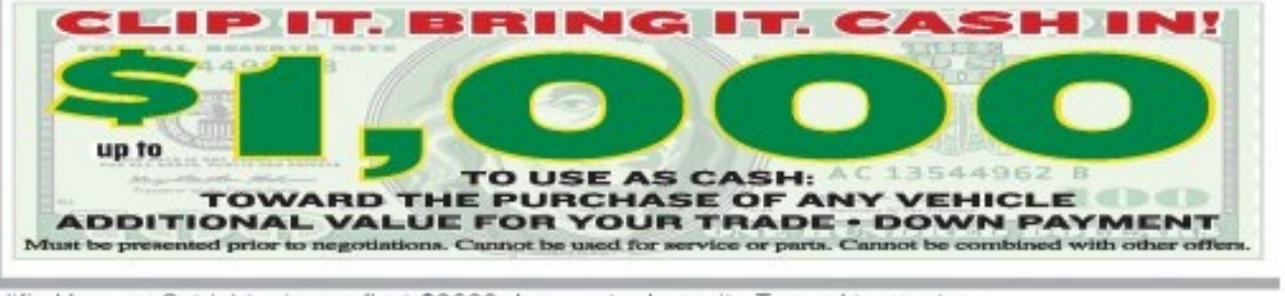
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Former NHL All-Star Bernie Nicholls explains why AllSportsMarket is legal:

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Former NHL All-Star Bernie Nicholls has been supporting the concept of AllSportsMarket for a while now, but the idea has only recently been introduced in the mobile market.

"I was introduced to the idea by my cousin [Jason Henry] and we launched on the Internet about 10 years ago," Nicholls told Metro. "In July of 2014 we launched it on the app store. Now it's on every device."

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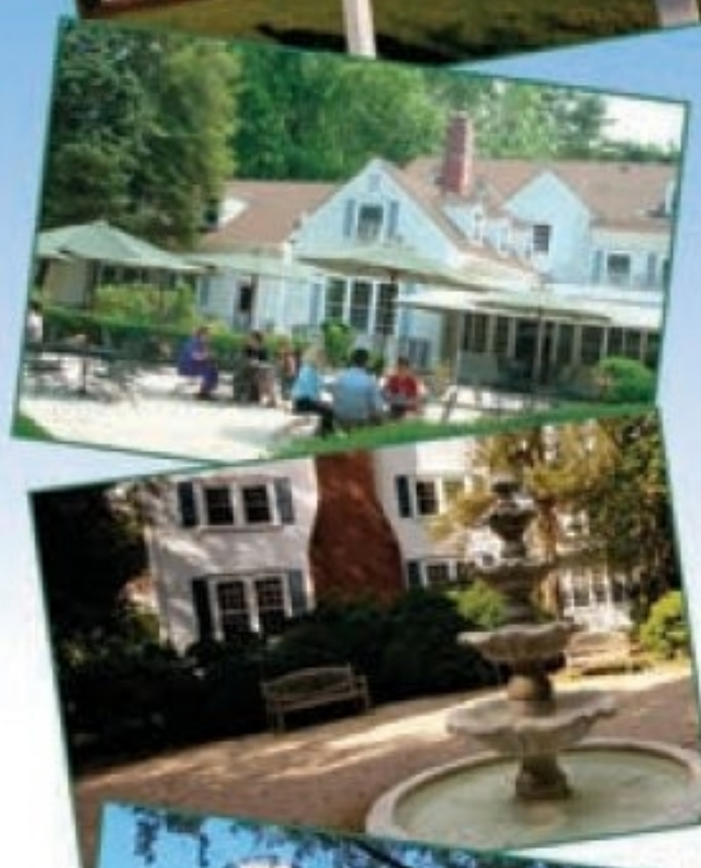

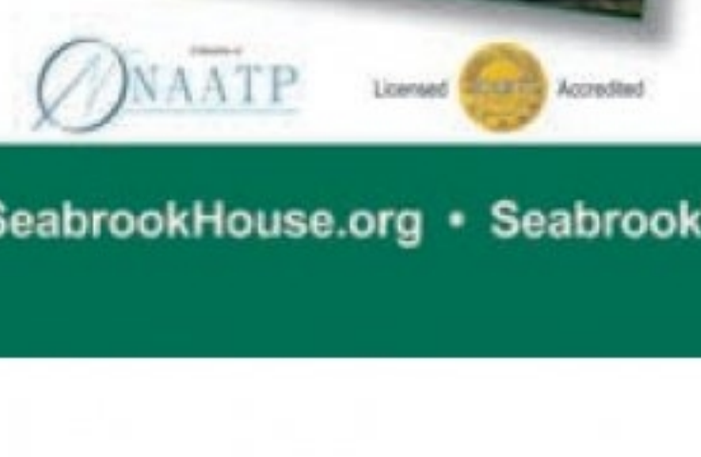

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